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Toc H members accept a four-fold commitment:
1 To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man
2 To give personal service
3 To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others
4 To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God.
This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points—to think fairly.

On the cover:
Santa Claus (in the person of Arthur Mason) arrived in Bingham market place in a massive 16 foot long Toc H Lamp, made from plywood by boys at Lowdham Grange Borstal. The Lamp was propelled by Toc H members dressed as the Mad Hatter, Miss Muffet, Bo Peep, Wee Willie Winkie etc. When the Lamp arrived in the market place it was rubbed by Aladdin (Regional padre Dave Roberts) and Santa Claus appeared with over 350 presents. The annual arrival of Santa Claus in a variety of imaginative forms of transport has become a feature of the life of Bingham branch. An article on the branch will be published next month.

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VIEWPOINT

Breaking more new ground

I suppose that the task of an editor may be regarded as being to report what is happening and to interpret the policy decisions of his superiors. But perhaps just occasionally an editor may be allowed to gaze into the crystal ball and try to suggest the lines on which future policy might be developed. This, at any rate, is what I propose to do this month. The starting point for my thinking is the series of articles we published throughout last year under the general title of 'breaking new ground', because it seems to me that these demonstrated some of the ways in which Toc H is being rebuilt, particularly in urban areas, and that they suggest one way, though not of course the only one, in which the Movement can grow and develop during the next few years.

These 'special projects' (I can't think what else to call them) are very varied. They include work based on Marks and Centres, work, as in Newcastle, using a much smaller building as a base, and work, as in Washington, requiring no building at all. But they all have certain things in common. They are all meeting real and urgent problems of modern society, the needs of alcoholics or delinquents, the breakdown of the sense of community or the apathy that paralyses those who live in the depressed areas of our cities. And they are all, in their different ways, exciting and successful attempts to build Toc H in areas where the Movement has for too long been weak or non-existent.

I believe that we could and should undertake many more projects of this kind. Indeed I would go so far as to say that our eventual aim should be to have one such 'special project' in each Area, as a focal point for our concern and as a dramatic presentation, both to the general public and to ourselves, of the things for which we stand as a Movement. I believe that to adopt such a policy would be to transform the morale of the Movement and to capitalise on the increased self-confidence that was the most encouraging feature of the last Central Council meeting. Such 'special projects', like the District projects being undertaken in several parts of the country, would, by including members, volunteers and those at present outside the Movement, help to stress the fact that we are all 'one Family'.

The 'special projects' already being undertaken vary widely and no doubt projects undertaken in the future will show even greater variety. Certain basic principles can, however, be laid down. Firstly, Toc H does not exist simply to employ professional social workers to do a job on its behalf. In other words any Toc H project must have as one of its basic aims the involvement of as many people as possible, whether Toc H members or not, on a voluntary basis. On any 'special project', as in any other expression of Toc H, our primary concern must be to offer people a recognisably Toc H experience, an experience that will enable them to show compassion and will give them the opportunity of meeting, at a deep level, people whom they would not ordinarily meet. The personal growth of individual men and women is, and must remain, fundamental to our Movement.

Secondly, any project of this kind needs a small group of Toc H members who are united in their vision, committed to the project and prepared to take responsibility for it. They will be the nucleus of an organising committee, though they will probably wish to invite non-members with relevant skills and experience to join them. Such a committee should, I believe, be responsible to the Area Team or Area Executive, so that the project is seen clearly as an integral part of the local Toc H scene. Too often in the past Marks and other nationally sponsored Toc H expressions have been responsible directly to the Central Executive and thus too easily divorced from Toc H locally. Hence the unnecessary divisions which have plagued us, and the feeling, which is at long last being broken down, that only branches are 'real Toc H'. Apart from this, to place the responsibility at local level is logical at a time when the decentralisation of the Movement is being seriously considered.

The third basic principle is that any such project can, and should, be self-supporting financially. By this I mean that if the project is seen to be meeting a real need, raising the money, by means of grants from the local authority and from charitable trusts and by appeals to the general public, will not present an insuperable problem. The need to raise the necessary funds without reliance on the Family Purse will have

to be an integral part of the advance planning. This means, of course, that there is no good reason for the expansion of the Movement through these kinds of initiatives to be held up by the size of the current Toc H overdraft. Indeed it could even be that our greater identification with situations of real need would make it easier to raise funds for general purposes.

These, then, are some of the basic principles which should be borne in mind when considering 'special projects'. I am convinced that we should be planning for a rapid expansion in the number of projects of this kind, but I repeat that that is purely my personal view and does not reflect policies adopted or, so far as I am aware, considered by the Central Executive–though should they wish to consider it I will, of course, be delighted to waive copyright on this column. However the real momentum for initiatives such as I have discussed here will have to come from the membership locally rather than from any central committee, for it is at local level that the detailed planning will have to be done and the main responsibility accepted.

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The following party-bookings for the Old House have been received to date. Those interested in joining any of these parties should write to the party leader named.

April 16–19	Mr C W Garrard, 35 Upper Tulse Hill, London SW2
April 30–May 2	Mr C Salkind, 11 Maylands Drive, Uxbridge, Middx
May 29–June 7	Miss Ruby Relf, 22 Mountfield Gardens, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
July 3–10	'Special Week'–arranged by Old House Committee. (Apply: SE Regional Office)
July 15–16	'Skegg' Blanchard, Headquarters
August 12–17	Charles Jackson, 23 Beechwood Avenue, Thornton Heath, Surrey
Sept. 4–11	Derick Parsons, 'Cedars' 29 St Mark's Road, Maidenhead, Berks
Sept. 16–20	Keith Beck, 6 Whitmore Road, Taunton, Devon

John Jones

John Jones joined the staff of Toc H from the Baptist Church, in 1944, and was posted to the East Midlands Area. Like many of his colleagues he moved around and in 1951 was posted to North Wales, and here it is he retires.

John Jones is one of those rare men who see their ministry, not in a denominational compartment, but in the whole church, and yet retain a great loyalty to their particular ministry. Being a Celt he brought with him to our Movement much of the mysticism and poetry of his folk. We of the staff will long remember the flights–not of fancy but of faith and fact–which he shared with us at staff conference and on other occasions. Many members of our family will remember his worship happenings at Central Council, so like John Jones! Who can say he was predictable? A journey of any kind with John was always exciting! One always got there–the way was never straightforward but was memorable. It is good to hear that the Bangor Summer School, which John started in Jubilee Year, is to continue. Though he will not be in the driving seat, he will be around to help those who have decided to continue this good thing.

It is always difficult to pin-point the contribution that men like John make to Toc H; he would argue that the contribution is the other way round. Perhaps it is his writing–his words or just himself. It is a fact that he has reminded us that behind the ebb and flow there stand the eternal realities. His writings and his words and, perhaps much more importantly, the hospitality of his home, will still be available to many in Toc H. Many will find the high place to which he is retiring and continue to sit at his feet. So, John Jones, retire to your high place; we sincerely wish you and Win many years of good health and a large company of friends to remind you both of how much we owe. Diolch!

J B M

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE 1971

Will branches please note that the annual premium of 2s 0d per person was due on the 1st January and should now be paid to Headquarters, **without delay.**

New centre opens in Southend

In recent years an increasing number of District Teams, in various parts of the country, have been undertaking major projects requiring the participation of all the units in the District. One of the most potentially exciting and imaginative of such projects is the newly opened Toc H centre in Southend.

The idea grew out of the need to find a central meeting place for several branches in and around Southend, for District Team meetings and for special guest nights. During the discussions, however, the District Team realised that such a centre could and should be very much more than simply a Toc H meeting place. It could also become a base for valuable work in the community.

The new centre is the first floor of the building which was at one time the Borough Treasurer's office and comprises a large hall–which may at a later stage be partitioned into two or three good sized rooms–a kitchen, and washing facilities. The premises have been made available by the local authority at a rental well below the commercial rate. The ground floor of the building already houses a Workshop for the Elderly and the first role for the Toc H centre will be to provide a social club for those attending the Workshop. The provision of meals may become possible later. Among other projects being considered are a club for prisoners' wives and families; discussion groups for ex-mental patients; and a club for young people.

In all these projects Toc H will be working in close association with local authority social workers. The Movement already enjoys a good reputation in Southend as a result of the work of the branches, the hospital broadcast unit and the film unit, and the holiday play project for mentally subnormal children. The success of the play project is indicated by the fact that Toc H has received a request to run a similar project in Colchester this summer. And the Southend welfare department has asked for help with the decoration of a building in Frinton which will be used to provide holidays for the physically handicapped. Both requests are being met.

Already getting the centre decorated and furnished ready for the opening has involved a lot of hard work. If it is to be fully used it will clearly continue to demand a lot of work from members, from Volunteers and from the increasing number of young people in Southend and further afield who have become involved with Toc H through projects. The centre may indeed fulfil a valuable function by uniting members and Volunteers in a common endeavour.

Those involved in the Southend project are aware that to limit the centre to activities that can safely be undertaken by the existing membership would be inhibiting and unimaginative. Volunteers are not normally lacking for a worthwhile job. To undertake activities that will demand the involvement of those at present outside Toc H certainly requires courage; but that kind of courage may well be rewarded by the extension of Toc H.

Among the methods of raising funds for the new Centre is this market stall. Photo: J H Baker

'Sure and steadfast'

The second article in our series on community service by young people deals with the work of The Boys' Brigade, and is written by W Whiteley, public relations secretary to the Brigade.

Like all movements, The Boys' Brigade in the past few years has taken a deep look at itself to see how it can best fulfil its role in this day and age. Out of all the thinking and experiments has evolved a movement which is seeking to serve the boy, at whom it is aimed, the Church of which it is a part, and the community at large. Perhaps at this stage it should be emphasised that every Company of The Boys' Brigade must be part of a Church or other Christian organisation. The work of the Brigade is undertaken in the local Company, which consists of a Junior Section for boys of age eight to twelve years, a Company Section for boys of ages 11 to 17 years, and a Senior Section for young men of 16 to 19 years. The Senior Section is a new concept in Brigade work and at the present time comparatively few Companies are running such a Section. The Junior and Company Sections have award schemes that are geared to the age of the boy, and each scheme encourages the boy to undertake some form of service, to his Company, to the Church, or to the community. There is no award scheme within the Senior Section but young men are encouraged to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, in which service to others plays a very important part.

The amount of service undertaken by a Company is very difficult to measure and of course opportunities for service tend to differ from place to place. Each year Companies in the Brigade in the United Kingdom raise some £70,000 for religious or charitable purposes, including work overseas. This excludes money raised for the actual running of the Company itself.

Opportunities for service offered to boys in the Brigade are geared to the ability of the boys concerned and also take into consideration their age. The more interesting and much larger projects tend to be undertaken by the Seniors. All the 'usual' service activities are undertaken, including decorating, visiting old people, helping at hospitals, helping the physically disabled and those suffering from poor mental health, together with various aspects of children's work. Many of these types of service are undertaken on a casual basis although some Companies do 'adopt' a children's home, for example, and gear all their service activities to the needs of that particular place. In this way many boys in the Company can be involved, from the youngest, who can be encouraged to make or repair toys, to the oldest who can plan activities and outings for the children.

Without a doubt the experience of boys is widened when they undertake service with other young people or adults. A number of Companies co-operate with other youth organisations, perhaps under the auspices of a local authority, and others work together with adults in other service agencies, such as Toc H. Without a doubt more young men in the Brigade would like the opportunity of becoming involved in projects on a much wider scale, but it is always a lengthy

process for the Officers to seek out and examine all the possibilities that are available in the area. If agencies requiring help could contact the Company Captain, then more often than not he would be delighted to make the needs known to his boys and give help where possible.

Some degree of training needs to be given before young men undertake voluntary service to the local community. This point is sometimes overlooked in sending out young people to do various jobs involving not only practical skills such as decorating, but also human relationships. Again many Companies would welcome help in the provision of training for service activities.

A group of BB Companies in one locality is formed into a Battalion. It could well be that the Seniors from a number of Companies could form a service group within the Battalion and help out in any projects that might be operating in a locality. Secretaries of Toc H branches wishing to make contact with the Brigade should approach a local Company, if they know of one, or alternatively they could approach the local Battalion Secretary. His name and address can be obtained from Brigade Headquarters, The Boys' Brigade, Brigade House, Parsons Green, London SW6. *Telephone 01-736 8481.*

Just two examples of the service given by members of The Boys' Brigade. Members completely renovated a house in Aberdeen which had stood empty for several months (below). Photos: Boys' Brigade

Project Cyprus

Keith Lindsey

During the last 18 months a derelict village has been made to live again. The country is Cyprus. The village, not long ago a cluster of shells of houses, with gaping holes to show where windows, doors and sometimes roofs had slowly disintegrated or been stolen, is now almost completely restored, and the noises of families and work once again interrupt the peace of the valley. This, however, is not the story of the whole of Cyprus.

Seven years ago that dramatically beautiful island at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea was torn by the ravages of intense civil war. That year saw the culmination of tensions that had grown between the majority Greek Cypriot community and the minority Turkish Cypriot community. The fighting was bitter and most families suffered the loss of at least one person. The open conflict was ended when an 8,000 strong United Nations Peace-keeping Force was introduced to patrol the island, and since then an unsteady peace has existed there. During the fighting many villagers in all parts of the island abandoned their homes and fields and congregated in larger groups in enclaves in the towns where they felt secure. Thus there was a process of separation between the two communities which previously had been much interdispersed. Kithasi was one such village, a Turkish Cypriot village, that was abandoned completely.

Christians have for centuries travelled overseas to preach the gospel, to give education and to provide medical care. But the gospels speak much of peace, and Christ himself lived in the Middle East during a period of conflict, both the contemporary conflict between the occupied country and the Romans, and

the long standing conflict between the Jews and the Gentiles. After Christ's death Paul was able to say that Jesus had made irrelevant the conflict between Jews and Gentiles (Eph. 2 :14) and also that Christ had given to us the Ministry of Reconciliation (2 Cor. 5 :18). Thus it seems reasonable that through a study of the life of Christ we should learn something of a method by which we can make peace.

It was Roy Colvocoressi, formerly a barrister in London, who first took the opportunity to apply the peace making ministry of Christ in Cyprus. He saw that the greatest need during that period of fear and utter distrust was for that peace demonstrated in the gospels. He thus spent much energy in gathering a small team from a number of countries and of a variety of Christian denominations, who then made their home in a village in Cyprus in the midst of the suspicion and tension. Their first work was to irrigate some of the fields abandoned in the troubles and thus to revive the possibility that those who had forsaken their former homes and livelihoods could return. Now the team is living and working in Kithasi where the 55 derelict houses provided a considerable challenge. The task was both great and difficult but over a period of 18 months, with the essential help of summer volunteers, the team has repaired the majority of the houses and the first 40 people have returned to the village. A good standard of workmanship has been strictly insisted upon, which has made big demands upon unskilled hands.

The village has now taken on an attractive appearance. The school has been reopened with a village teacher appointed, and the community centre has been restored. The shepherds graze their sheep again on the local hills and the coffee shop has life. And the Greek Cypriot friends made by the team continue to be welcome in Kithasi. The fact of this welcome of Greek Cypriots into a Turkish Cypriot village is perhaps one of the most outstanding results of the work. Soon it is hoped to extend the work to many more villages and several men covering a variety of building skills will be required.

From February 19 to 21 Toc H is organising a weekend at Alison House which will provide an opportunity to learn more of the work of the Christian peace making group in Cyprus and for studying the basis of the work as understood from the gospels.

Spotlight on Bedwas

Our Movement was born out of the experiences of men in the 1914-18 war. In a way it can be said that the Bedwas branch was created as a result of an incident in the 1939-45 war.

During the second conflict, the war spread to many parts of the world and in most places there were hostels and clubs set up and maintained by many religious bodies and voluntary organisations to provide centres where troops could rest and find some form of recreation during short periods of leave.

One area not provided for was in the Burma war zone. Toc H felt there should be such a hostel in that area and an appeal was made in the *Western Mail* for contributions to set up a club to be called 'Cardiff House'. The appeal was a success, the hostel was opened and manned by volunteers until hostilities ceased.

One of our founder members (who I am sure would wish to remain anonymous) sent a contribution to the fund and as far as he was concerned that was the end of it. Far from it!

Early in 1948 this member received a visit from Vic Hardacre, the secretary of Llanbradach branch, who thought that if a man was interested enough in a Toc H project to send a donation, he might be the means of starting a branch of Toc H in Bedwas. Things moved from there, contacts were made and the Llanbradach branch had leaflets printed inviting anyone interested in the work of Toc H to attend a meeting in the Cadet Hall on May 25 1948.

Llanbradach members came to Bedwas where it was decided that they would hold their meetings for five weeks so that the Bedwas lads could see how branch meetings were conducted and learn about the way the Movement was formed and its aims. At times, during these five weeks members from Caerphilly branch came down to help. Visits were made to other branches, where the Bedwas chaps found out at first hand what jobs were undertaken.

Eventually Bedwas decided they would form a group, and on June 29 1948 they set out on their own. From here on they were on their mettle, and felt they had to prove themselves by what they did.

Attending District Team meetings in the Rhymney Valley and in Cardiff, meeting men from other branches, they found a warmth and a welcome that one does not experience in other organisations. Toc H seemed to have gathered together such a mixture of men, from miner to minister, from shop manager to bank manager, all working with one object in mind–that of giving service to fellow human beings in need of help of some kind or another.

The bonds of friendship set up in those early days and new experiences of being able to do jobs together made it evident that Toc H had come to Bedwas to stay. As a young group they were given every encouragement by the more experienced branches, who were always ready to guide them in any task they undertook.

On April 18 1949 a Toc H Festival was held in Caerphilly, when branches from all over Wales attended a service in St Martin's Church. After this, some 200 members of Toc H walked through Caerphilly to the Castle, and it was in the ancient Banqueting Hall that Bedwas, Blaenavon, Crynant, Griffithstown, Pentwynmawr and Splott (Cardiff) were granted branch status and presented with their Lamps.

This was the outcome of that donation sent to Cardiff House.

Twenty-one years have passed and the branch has always been ready to give help wherever they could. Many and varied have been the services they have rendered both to individuals and to other organisations in the place. These services have been personal to the people concerned without fuss or publicity.

Obituary

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

In June: William H Chesterfield (Porthleven).

In October: Ernest W Howes (Chirk).

In November: Marion E Blasdale (Glen Parva), Claude H Casson (W Mids Area), MacIvor Cray (Griffithstown), George C Langham (Mildenhall), Mary A Prytherch (Wrexham), George A Thompsett (Kennington, Kent).

In December: Frank Adams (Hayling Island), Helene S Fletcher (Aldwick), William R Gunnell (South Ruislip), Rufus Hopkinson (Rawthorpe), Ewart Medley (Paignton), Isabel Osborne (EC & Tower Hill), Bill Phillipson (Newcastle), Donald Royston (Lindley), Herbert B Sharp (North Ormesby), Edna M Warren (Weymouth).

We give thanks for their lives.

PERSONALITY POINT

Colin Campbell has succeeded Elsa Perrin as leader of the South Eastern Regional Team.

George Barnett has been appointed Accountant at headquarters with effect from January 1. He succeeds Nelson Hall. A photograph of George will appear in next month's *Point Three.*

Alan Prior has been appointed warden of Mark XX, Putney.

Hon. Staff. Norman Brew has been appointed to the hon. staff in the Notts. & Derby Area and takes over from Bert Bowring. Norman's address is: Eynsford, 26 Sheepwalk Lane, Ravenshead, Nottingham NG15 9FE.

Martin Collins. At 27 years of age Martin is a seasoned world traveller. While studying theology at Cambridge he took every opportunity to visit foreign parts including three Communist countries and four Middle Eastern states. Two years were spent teaching in India with VSO, an experience which moved him to the point where he decided he would work in a Christian mission in Calcutta. After graduating from Cuddesdon College, Oxford, he learned with dismay that he would be unable to obtain a visa to return to India. Not dismayed for long he turned instead to work in a parish with a high immigrant population.

This decision took him to Manchester, where he now lives at Mark IV, acting as Mark Padre, and a parish where 50 per cent of the population are either West Indian or Pakistani, with a high percentage of East African Asian students. Martin told us that he thoroughly enjoys the experience of residing in a Mark and recognises the value in mixing with 37 residents who among them can number 14 different nationalities.

He hopes that this connection with his parish work will help to strengthen the relationship between those engaged in community relations in the area.

Greta Penness. The new International Secretary is Greta Penness (33) who joined Toc H seven months ago as a secretary in the South Eastern regional office, a location which gave her many opportunities to familiarise herself with the work of her predecessor. However, her knowledge of the Movement goes back some 10 years to the time when she was persuaded to help her hometown branch at Rushden, and later became a member. She is also a member of Higham Ferrers branch. Before joining the staff she worked as a secretary in the CID office at Rushden police station. She was educated at Wellingborough High School.

Greta is single, lives at Mark III, Hackney, and enjoys dressmaking when she gets the time. She also likes driving, 'when someone is rash enough to let me loose with their car.' Another of her interests is youth work and she is keen to see the Movement, at home and overseas, making much more vigorous attempts to extend the membership among young people.

A new lease of life

Toc H doesn't go out looking for thank you's but it's only natural to hope that the work of our project teams is appreciated. One of the finest compliments the Movement has ever received was the decision of the Frimhurst Recuperative Home to enrol formally as a Toc H Volunteer. The work of the Home is described here.

Bad housing, poor health, unskilled and unstable employment and broken homes lead to generations of families becoming locked in a vicious circle of poverty from which there seems no escape. Most social workers no longer believe that any breakthrough will be made by destroying the family unit and placing the children in the care of homes and institutions. But few of them know what else they can do, and many continue to use the existing services at their disposal without really believing that their efforts will lead to any change.

Frimhurst Recuperative Home was founded in 1957 as a private enterprise in an effort to give some of these families a fair chance of finding their feet. Frimhurst is not the only private or semi-private organisation designed to help families in a protected community. However, it is unique in that it pays particular attention to the strengthening of family relationships, whose weakness and vulnerability are often the reasons for many of the social problems. The experiences of 10 years at Frimhurst have confirmed that once the basic marital and inter-family relationships have been sorted out the whole pattern of living can change; and that only when a family feels secure in itself will it be able to communicate with and respond to outside help.

At Frimhurst families literally live together. Sharing a large country house, they participate in the day-to-day activities that are the life of any family–eating and sleeping, working and playing, quarrelling and making friends. Bedrooms are the only private rooms, and all other living rooms and kitchen are communal with duties and responsibilities shared among everyone. There are few rules so that the house may become what each group wishes it to be–untidy and neglected or loved and cared for, depending on what the whole community is willing to work for, or put up with. Rather than formal training, criticism for each other's shortcomings and praise for each other's skills mean that learning is absorbed rather than taught. However, where specific help is asked for in such areas as housework, cooking or sewing, experts are at hand to give advice to the mothers and encourage their efforts.

In preparation for the return home, each family moves into a flat where they shop and cook for themselves on a budget equivalent to social security scale. In this final stage more attention is paid to helping with budgeting, shopping for the family needs and preparing menus.

Living together in a closed community means that some kinds of human relationships are unavoidable. Parents can observe and learn from each other, test their strengths and weaknesses, while having someone at hand who is neutral and who they know cares. Children live together and learn to play with each other. Difficulties in all areas of life, from marital problems to child care, are brought to the surface and discussed, either openly as the occasion arises or in confidence with a member of the staff.

The Frimhurst staff, who share the same living

facilities as the families, play the dual role of friend and authority. Their close relationships with both families and social services mean that they can provide the bridge for better communication between the two. The impersonal and often feared 'them' of housing, school and welfare services become individualised as ordinary human beings with whom one can build relationships which are constructive to both sides.

Frimhurst seeks to do more than help with the practical problems of daily living. There are still many children growing up today in an environment where the horizons are severely limited by the pressures and anxieties of the family's struggle to survive. These shrunken horizons, maintained by poverty of experience, make it exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, for a child from a poor family to communicate in school and to increase his knowledge and experience. When he marries he is as ill-equipped as his parents to provide the necessary stimulus for the development of his children.

With this in mind the old stable buildings at Frimhurst have been converted into a cultural centre. This has taken two and a half years, and, with the exception of the installation of the lighting and heating, all the work has been done by volunteers. It is here that the Toc H project parties have made their practical contribution to the life of the Home.

The basic aims of the cultural centre are to provide opportunities for the experience of basic forms of play and experiment to those denied this experience in early childhood; to provide opportunities for the discovery of the universe, starting from the immediate environment; and to provide opportunities for self-expression and creativity. The centre is primarily for the children but more will be achieved for the family as a whole if the parents use the centre also. The specific activities will depend largely on the particular skills and interests of those who are prepared to become involved in the life of the centre as volunteers. In the words of a newsletter sent to friends and supporters of the Home: 'Poverty is an absence of experience, of appreciation and of knowledge, so please come forward and share the riches you have.'

Families normally spend only a few months at Frimhurst but during this period they can take a rest from the strains and tensions of their existence, and become clearer about what it is they want out of life and how they can achieve it. There is no doubt that families respond remarkably under the conditions provided at Frimhurst. How many of them will get a real chance to make a fresh start when they leave, and how many of them, on the other hand, will be forced back into the familiar vicious circle of inadequate housing and unemployment? This is the crucial question, and it concerns us all.

Toc H in Contention?

Keith Rea, *Finance Secretary*

It still seems clear that many branches see the reason for their existence in an auxiliary role within their own particular community. Probably many who think this way see the Movement as a helpmate to other charitable organisations. Toc H has got the name, I think, within the charity world, of giving man power and raising money, without return. This can be very self-satisfying to us, but after the emotion has drained, with dispassionate eyes we see that other charities for whom we often raise money, pay their staff the market rate leaving Toc H to go without staff or to pick up, if it can, the occasional idealist who in joining may be being unrealistic about the needs of his own family.

This is one of the reasons why our Movement is being squeezed out and finds itself making noises about involvement in urban society without any real hope of affording more than the rare job of social service here and there; no wonder on occasions our leadership feels inhibited in its support of new work of this kind.

We have got to face the fact that if we want a dedicated staff for the future who will see to it that Toc H recovers its influence in the lost communities of town and city, we will have to offer an adventure which is worthwhile in a Movement confident of its future role. We have in fact to compete with other organisations and authorities, and show that Toc H has a unique contribution to make which others cannot match. If there is any doubt about this contribution, it should soon be dispelled by a re-study of the 'Breaking New Ground' series last year of which the editorial now makes proud mention. Ken says that grants etc will be available and this is true, but I believe that this will only be so if it can be seen that the Movement will supply sufficient staff from its own resources in the first place. Then, and only then, help will come in to 'match' our efforts.

In order to pay such leadership we must have more money and this again means being more aggressive and competitive; with only a certain amount of cash available for charitable work it must surely be seen that Toc H demands an increased share. **The money cannot be conjured up, it can only be won from causes that are less worthwhile.** Of course Toc H will never require the large sums needed by the great national charities for 'ambulance' work but it does need to spend more than £150,000 a year if it is to continue its role as a compassionate Movement in an increasingly impersonal world. Income must be improved to pay for both local and centrally controlled work, and if commitment to a Movement on these terms is not acceptable, we can be accused rightly of making a merit of hiding Christ's light away from the world.

Can we, the membership, therefore, in 1971/72 see to it that Toc H breaks new ground in, say, ten more needful places, by providing an extra £25,000 a year to cover the cost? Policy statements only cost time to provide: strategy to implement the policy costs money. Will you surmount and surpass the quota by *doing* the following:

1 Covenant your own subscription (thereby adding 63p to every £ you covenant).

2 Urge your branch to give priority to the needs of Toc H work, local, national and international, and provide, funds.

3 To this end run money raising efforts for Toc H.

4 Continue to urge compassion and charity within your community by asking the *public* to help Toc H in its work and raise money for Toc H.

5 Assist Toc H work outside your own community by study, deed and prayer.

Cry from the heart

Among the many enquiries received by the Central Council for the Disabled regarding the working of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons' Act, which became law last August, is the following heartrending plea:

'I am living with my sister. I do not like her. Will the Act help me to get rid of her?'

TALKING POINT

Chicken or pig?

Bob Knight

I would like to persuade every branch of Toc H to get a copy of one particular official report and study it. Now for most of us an official report is the lowest form of reading for pleasure. Yet the Aves Report, *The Voluntary Worker in the Social Services**, must be the most significant for Toc H since the Newsom Report, *Half our Future*. It was the Newsom Report, along with other influences, which gave rise to our decision to develop projects. In 1970–seven years later–some District teams were able to elect either as chairman or secretary someone who had first come into Toc H on a youth project.

How would the Aves Report affect us if we took it as seriously as we took Newsom? Mainly in training, I think. Once upon a time every captain of an English county cricket team was an amateur. The competent, not to say exceptional, amateur was the ideal. The 'professional' was a suspect character, doing his job without much soul, in a calculating if not evasive manner, for his livelihood. Footballers with golfers put an end to this in sport, and tennis players are the latest to follow suit.

The professional is a full timer, trained to think through the implications of his work. The Aves Report encourages part timers and spare timers to regard training in the same way as professionals. The social services need trained volunteers and will be seeking them in larger and larger numbers.

Training need not be a suspicious process for a compassionate person. It is possible, indeed highly desirable, to be both compassionate and trained. Lurking in many minds is the notion that at its best compassion is spontaneous. The response to Aberfan and East Pakistan are good examples. In both instances spontaneous uninformed compassion proved more than an embarrassment and in some respects was a source of additional anguish.

Training schemes for volunteers have been devised, and welcomed. At Mark III last winter there was a six weeks' course with one lecture per week for people who had volunteered to befriend men on probation. During the course the volunteers met prison staff, probation officers, ex-offenders, and experienced voluntary associates who were already undertaking the work. Similar training schemes are run for prospective helpers with the Telephone Samaritans, Citizens' Advice Bureaux and the Marriage Guidance Council. One appendix to the Aves Report gives details of some of the courses in existence. In Birmingham the Workers' Education Association has run a general course of seven lectures on the social services. Similar courses have been run in Hertfordshire (12 sessions) and in Leicester, by the Family Service Unit. The Old People's Welfare Committee organise courses for volunteers in this field so that a Christmas parcels' scheme, a system of obtaining help in an emergency or any other help for senior citizens can be seen in the context of other provisions. At Dor Knap on May 14-16 we shall have a course especially for Toc H members with a concern for good race relations.

The effect of all such training is that compassion is deepened and directed wisely in an informed way. Trained volunteers are able to retain the essentially personal character of their work in the face of routine, frustration and exploitation because they have thought through the deeper implications of what they want to do and are not looking for 'someone to do good to'.

Admittedly, any training calls for a greater commitment. The Christian basis of Toc H is exposed in this way. Volunteers at a hospital for mentally subnormal people found themselves forced to face the question of euthanasia. Others, who helped distribute Christian Aid envelopes, became involved in arguments about contraception and population control (at home as well as overseas). From the same starting point others faced questions on the distribution of wealth in the world–the difference between the condescension of distributing surplus food and the dignity of investing in education and methods of developing the economy of another community of human beings. For some Toc H members this has led to far reaching conclusions, even to a change of career, or a move overseas to lend their skills as a personal contribution. Friends of ex-offenders find themselves facing the need for a forgiving spirit, not least by the ex-offender himself if he is to avoid falling into a habit of crime. What begins as Toc H membership and something to do in one's spare time has to become a way of life.

A chicken and a pig were discussing the daily British breakfast of eggs and bacon, and its implications for the two of them. 'It's all very well,' said the pig, 'Eggs for you are a contribution. Bacon for me is total commitment.' How many members are on the way to being transformed from a chicken to a pig?

**The Report of a Committee jointly set up by the National Council of Social Service and the National Institute for Social Work Training under the Chairmanship of Miss Geraldine M Aves, CBE. George Allen and Unwin Ltd. £1.5*

NEWSPOINT

Newcastle's Christmas Happening

Ursula Lefroy

2.30 pm on Sunday, December 20 on a play area in Grove Street in the West End of Newcastle.

A bonfire; a Landrover with mike and amplifiers; food; games; and over 200 people; the ingredients for a splendid party. 'Party' means 'food' for Newcastle children and we gave out bags with sandwiches, cakes and biscuits followed by squash. The games included tugs-of-war, ball games, circle and singing games for the smaller ones.

Two brave Canadian singers came from the Friary at Alnmouth with a guitar and drum. They said they found it a great experience although to begin with it was rather terrifying as the children snatched the mike and touched the strings and climbed on the Landrover to touch the amplifiers. By the end of the afternoon the audience was captive and singing with Michel and Larry.

It was a happening. Mike Simpson of Alnmouth Camp fame and Vic Readhead from the West End Tenants Association built and guarded the fire with help from numerous boys! David Lesser, lecturer at the University, provided Landrover (and 7 dozen very small eggs!) and added his presence (and family). Maureen lent the amplifiers and hovered round to keep them safe. The West End Tenants came (providing half the funds ie, £5). Betty Teesdale and Ann Blair supervised making up the food bags. These were dispensed from the Landrover. Miss McIver and the Busy Bees played games with the smaller ones and all the while the bonfire burnt merrily and finally the rubbish was burnt on it! Many local residents came along of all ages and this was one of the successes of the afternoon. Some men helped to amuse and control the children. Sixth formers from Dame Allen's Grammar School were there. The Alnmouth Camp volunteers helped as well as a small group of Young Liberals. It was a happening and was enormous fun and remarkably cheap at about a shilling a head!

Cake cutting ceremonies are common in Toc H and not, as a rule, newsworthy. But this is different, because the cake being professionally cut by Councillor N T O'Reilly, Mayor of Carlisle, was professionally made by totally blind Mrs George Cambers (second left) wife of a Carlisle branch member.

Photo: Newcastle Chronicle & Journal

MP talks about "The Missing Million"

'Utterly trivial and wholly untenable' reasons have been advanced by some local authorities, commented Alfred Morris MP, for delaying the introduction of services to provide for the handicapped under the new Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act. As a result, disabled people were being provoked into considering legal action in order to secure their new rights, which, said Mr Morris, would be 'very sad'. He was speaking at the annual meeting of the Spastics Society and during his address made an appeal for the Minister to name the date for the 'crucially important' section one of the Act to come into force. This section puts a duty on every local authority to find out how many handicapped people live in their areas, and to ensure that they know the rights and benefits available to them. At the moment there are only 600,000 names on the registers of handicapped people kept by local authorities, yet the Spastics Society estimates there are two million handicapped people in this country. Mr Morris concluded 'The problem of the "missing million" is as urgent as it is serious, and I warmly commend those local authorities which are now pressing ahead with the task of full registration without waiting for the Minister to act.'

Christmas bazaar raises £31

A Christmas bazaar in Northampton raised a total of £31, all of it for the Family Purse, reports *Point Three* correspondent Ted Curry.

World Chain of Light

24 hour vigil maintained at Colsterdale

Dick Stayman

Friday December 11 was a typical grey winter's day in Colsterdale, North Yorkshire. The surrounding fells wore a sombre look; the only sound was the chuckle of the grouse in the heather, and the only movement a flock of hill sheep being shepherded along the old drove road across the valley.

As darkness fell an absolute stillness descended on the dale but before long this was broken by the arrival in their two's and three's of Toc H members from all over Yorkshire to begin the World Chain of Light at the Colsterdale Centre. A cheery log fire was soon ablaze in the lounge and the house rapidly came to life as the final preparations were made for the opening ceremony and the ensuing 24 hour vigil.

The honour of being the starting point for the World Chain must surely be the final accolade for the Colsterdale project; a recognition that it had won its spurs and qualified to become a full member of the select company of Marks, Centres and Houses dedicated to the practical application of the Toc H principles. All those who had contributed to its creation, either present at Colsterdale or standing to their own Lamps elsewhere, must, as they listened to the reading of the Message, have felt a warm glow of satisfaction that their labours had been so richly rewarded.

Shortly before 9 pm some 21 men and women assembled in the lounge before the silver Lamp from York Minster dedicated to the memory of Lord Plumer, one of the founders of the Movement. A brief act of worship was conducted by Jimmy Cliffe, chairman of the West Yorkshire Area Executive and of the Colsterdale Committee, and messages of greeting were received from other areas, including one from Toc H in Rhodesia. The Message, with its exhortation to members to 'lift up their eyes', was read and then followed Light at 9 pm.

This, fittingly, was taken by Fred Tarpey of Rawthorpe branch, Huddersfield, who has been honorary clerk of works at Colsterdale since its inception. Fred has played a very large part in the transformation of this once derelict building into a homely dwelling with a 'lived in' look; not only has he wrought with his own hands but under his direction many an unskilled Toc H member has worked wonders with timber, stone and cement.

During Light two Yorkshiremen who had recently joined the ranks of the Elder Brethren were remembered–Lord Middleton, Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire, a President of Toc H and one time chairman of the East and West Yorkshire Areas, and Donald Royston, a member of Lindley branch, Huddersfield. Here surely was proof of the claim of Toc H to be everyman's club; one a peer of the realm, the other a baker.

At the conclusion of this short ceremony the Lamp was carried to a small upper room where the Vigil was to be kept. Through the quiet night hours watch followed watch and on into Saturday morning when the house reawoke to the normal activities of a family in residence; while some maintained the Vigil others busied themselves with cooking and household chores, replenished the log pile or explored the surrounding fields and moors.

All through Saturday relays of members arrived to take their turn in the Vigil while others departed having completed their spell of duty. Two especially welcome visitors were Bob and Molly Purdy from Durham; it was mainly Bob's enthusiasm and inspiration while Area Secretary in Yorkshire which sparked off the Colsterdale project and sustained it in its early years.

As daylight faded quietness again descended on the house but still there were fresh arrivals and in the closing minutes of the Vigil 14 assembled in the upper room where Tommy Asquith, chairman of the East Yorkshire Area Team, led prayers and responses. The theme of these was 'building for the future' and it is interesting to note that they were taken from a service held in York on the occasion of a national Toc H festival 33 years ago to the day. The words were as relevant today as they were then when the Movement had only recently attained its majority.

And so the Chain was complete.

Round about this time of year nearly 2000 years ago three wise men looked up and saw a light in the sky and followed it, with amazing results. Let us hope that wise men and women in Toc H who lit their Lamps on December 11 or 12 and listened to the Message also lifted up their eyes, saw the light which shone forth from Colsterdale, and resolved to follow wherever it led.

Legacy provides seaside holiday

Harry Long

Point Three Correspondent

A small legacy left to Norwich women's branch gave two fatherless families a happy holiday by the sea last summer and the branch are hoping to repeat the gesture this year.

The branch invested the money at headquarters and with the interest rented a bungalow right on the beach at Hemsby for a fortnight. Each family was taken there for a week, and was given a box of food, and pocket money for the children.

In a letter of thanks the Norwich Children's Officer said that the benefit to the mothers in the improvement of their health was very noticeable.

Betty Cornick elected chairman of the Executive

At the first meeting of the new Central Executive Committee, held at Alison House over the weekend of December 4-6, Mrs Betty Cornick JP was elected Chairman and Tom Gulliver was elected Vice-Chairman. Betty Cornick, who has been a member since 1945, is Chairman of Weymouth branch and a member of the Southern Area Team. She became a member of the Central Executive in 1965. Betty has two sons, aged 17 and 13, and was for nine years chairman of the local Parents' Association. Among her many other interests are the NSPCC, UNA and the Dorset Committee for the Care of the Elderly. She is on the Board of Visitors of Portland Prison and became a Justice of the Peace in 1967. Tom Gulliver is a civil servant and joined Toc H in 1956. He has held a wide variety of offices in Toc H both at local and at national level. He was co-chairman of the Joint Executive Team which prepared the way for integration.

At this first meeting the Executive decided on a major overhaul of the committee structure of Toc H. The various committees dealing with specific aspects of Toc H work are to be replaced by two main committees. The Planning Committee will be concerned

with working out the priorities for the use of resources and with new developments of all kinds and will be, to use the current jargon, a kind of 'think tank'. The Methods Committee will be responsible for all aspects of the existing organisation. It will be particularly responsible for training and communications and will be concerned with links with Toc H overseas, with literature and with standards in branches, Marks, projects and all other expressions of Toc H. In addition to these two main committees there will be a Finance Committee, a Personnel Committee and a committee responsible for Toc H services work. Each of the committees will be responsible for submitting recommendations to the Central Executive which will meet more frequently than in the past – at six weekly intervals.

Clayton Volunteer talks to Belgian branches

Last summer's group of Clayton Volunteers included a young man from Poperinge, Paul Vantomme, who had previously taken part in a number of Toc H projects in Britain. The Toc H branches in Brussels and Charleroi gave Paul a grant towards the cost of his air fare to the United States and recently Paul attended a joint meeting of the two branches and told them something of his experiences working with children in Baltimore. 'Listening to his experiences and the account of his work among the youth of America,' writes Reg Whitburn, chairman of Brussels branch, 'we had to admit that he and his fellow Clayton Volunteers had to have their share of courage and a lot of Toc H idealism. As we left him that evening we knew that his experience had made a big impact on Paul. It had opened his eyes and his mind to a thousand things he had never thought of before. By giving he had received. And, I suppose, so had we.'

Funds for research desperately needed

Parkinson's disease used to be known as the shaking palsy, in the ancient times. Known to mankind for over 2,000 years, and yet no concentrated research has been started. Lack of money!

The Parkinson's Disease Society was started by Miss Jenkins some two years ago, to help sufferers with their problems. The advent of the drug L-Dopa has alleviated (not cured) many sufferers' symptoms, but well over 50 per cent of the 50,000 sufferers in this country alone have little hope until research is started on a large scale. Yes, 25,000 people progressively getting worse and worse, until they become either total wheelchair cases or bedridden for the rest of their lives. Many people associate the disease with only the elderly. This is not so, for the cases now being recorded in young people between 30 and 35 years of age are frequent. It is time that we shook *ourselves* and at least started to give hope to these people. Too often do we hear the expression 'but what can we do about it'? We can do something about it–with your help, and that means offering either time or money, or both.

R O Way is the National Fund Raiser for the Society, and he is willing to travel anywhere to see people who volunteer to help him. Why not drop him a line? *R O Way, Parkinson's Disease Society, 11 Girdwood Road, London SW18.*

Newcomers welcomed

Selkirk branch recently entertained 50 newcomers to the town, together with representatives of local organisations, at a coffee evening. A leaflet giving details of all organisations in the town had been compiled and was handed out. The newcomers had all been visited personally by members of the branch, who were much encouraged by the response to the invitation. Several clubs benefited by enrolling new members during the evening.

Mansfield's courageous minstrel

Aubrey Slack (on the right in this picture) is a member of Mansfield (j) branch and a leading light in the Toc H Minstrels. In November he had a leg amputated (the aftermath of a war wound). 'Two days afterwards,' reports *Point Three* correspondent, Freda Hurt, 'he was sitting up in bed playing his guitar to the rest of the ward.' Ten days later he was at the sailing club dinner-dance receiving the five awards he had won during the season. Someone offered to go up to the platform and receive them on his behalf. 'Not likely,' he said, 'I'm getting them myself'. Within a month Aubrey was out and about with the Minstrels again, giving concerts for the elderly. 'We are all saying that we know he will be sailing again next summer,' adds Freda.

Photo: Mansfield Chronicle-Advertiser.

South African Council seeks more staff

Toc H South Africa is seeking new, young staff to help to make Toc H a new force in the seventies, and is prepared to commit its capital resources for this purpose. This was the decision of the South African Council, meeting at Aloe Fjord last autumn. Ossie Joseph, one of the two existing staff members in South Africa, said that he had had talks at Wits University about the possibility of finding suitable recruits and had been struck by the interest shown in the significance of Toc H, especially of the Volunteers. 'Quite often it is people outside the Movement who see the real significance and possibilities of Toc H,' he said.

During the discussion on this issue a member of Settlers Way branch, talking about the difficulties of small branches, suggested that Toc H should be combined into one big operation in each town, with its own permanent premises. This would help to make Toc H more effective, he felt, and would attract those people who wanted an assurance that their service would be used wisely. It was pointed out that this was the way in which the Volunteers operate and a member added: 'Having seen the Volunteers in action I'd willingly travel 50 miles to their meetings.'

One final quote from the Council meeting (from a member whose anonymity is carefully preserved in the report in *The Compass*): 'Up to now Toc H has been held together by tradition and cobwebs. It's time the cobwebs were blown off.'

World Chain at Heathrow . . .

Once again West Drayton & Yiewsley branch were hosts to neighbouring branches at the chapel in London's Heathrow Airport for the World Chain of Light. Among those present at this centre of world communications was Greta Penness, the newly appointed International Secretary. Most members of the host branch work at the Airport, where a go-slow was due to start on the following Monday. It was only natural, therefore, that the part of the service conducted by the Airport's Chaplain was especially concerned with industrial relations. 'When we left,' writes Ray Fabes, 'as when we arrived, the planes droned on, landing and taking off to all corners of the globe that our Chain had encompassed. In making our link in the Chain we felt very much at the centre.'

. . . And at Norwich

'The Lamp used in the service arranged by Norwich District, and held in one of the chapels of the Cathedral,' reports *Point Three* correspondent Harry Long, 'was one presented in memory of Gilbert Talbot in 1924. The Lamp was presented to the original Norwich men's branch and is now held by the new joint branch.

Penny collection in Worthing

West Worthing women's branch report a new money-raising idea, but one which can't be repeated after this month's Decimalisation Day. Members have been collecting sets of 'pennies of the century'–one penny minted in each year from 1900 to 1970. Three members managed to collect 49 out of a possible total of 53. 'Several pennies had special value,' adds branch secretary Peggy Hawksbee. 'One fetched £2 10s and the donor generously agreed that the whole of this amount should be included in the collection.'

PICTUREPOINT

Walter Leach has returned to his first love –the making of stained glass windows. He abandoned his job as a stained glass artist at the outbreak of war. After six years in the navy he joined Lepra and sailed to Africa, where he married his wife, Joan. Now aged 70, he is seen here working on an eight foot tall window for the Yoevilten Naval Air Station's new Chapel of Remembrance. The window contains more than 1,000 individually cut pieces of glass.

Photo: Bristol Evening Post

Eight year old Susan Harding hugs some of the cuddly, soft toys made by members of West Wickham women's branch. The branch ran a stall at a morning market held in aid of the Cheshire Home in Bromley.

Photo: Beckenham and Penge Advertiser

Both the bride and groom in this happy picture are Toc H members. They are Susan Panther and Stephen Cannon, from Mablethorpe, Lincs. *Point Three* joins in wishing them every happiness.

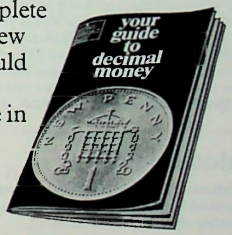
Photo: Lincolnshire Standard

DECIMAL CURRENCY BOARD

Old people and new money

On Monday, 15th February 1971, we change officially to decimal currency.

Every household in the country is being sent a free copy of 'Your Guide to Decimal Money,' which gives a complete explanation of this simple new system, and the change should go very smoothly.



But you may meet people in your community—amongst them elderly people, perhaps, whose ways have become a little set— who find some of the points about decimal currency a bit confusing.

So when you get your copy of 'Your Guide to Decimal Money' read it carefully yourself and get your family to do so. And then, please help others by passing your knowledge on.

Letters . . .

Prideaux House, Hackney

I was particularly interested in the informative account given of the activities at Prideaux House, Hackney, in the December issue of *Point Three*.

I should like to add my own tribute to the work that Mark III is doing in the field of inter-faith relationships, and in the work of race relations, which I regard as one of the great priorities in world events. The Mark at Hackney has served as the venue for the meetings of the Ministers' Fraternal, where we meet to discuss matters of academic and pastoral interest, and where these contacts serve as a spiritual enrichment for all who are privileged to participate. I warmly thank the Warden, the Revd Gualter de Mello.

After all, the Truth and the Love of God are central affirmations of ALL religions. All the great Faiths, yours and mine, believe in what Matthew Arnold called the 'not ourselves which makes for righteousness'. 'To treat men as if they were better than they are, is the surest way to make them better than they are'. I believe that the Mark is doing its excellent work in precisely this spirit.

I hope that as a member of the Jewish Faith I have given evidence, in however small a way, of my deep regard for the work of Toc H and Mark III in particular, in its work of 'combating ill-will by the promotion of goodwill' (W Temple), and its fearless proclamation of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

'For modes of faith, let graceless zealots fight,
He can't be wrong whose life is in the right.' (Pope).

(Rev Dr) Barnett Joseph, BA, HCF *London*

Faces to names

Celia Stokes (hon staff, East Midlands) and I came up to London to Olympia, but decided on our arrival to make a detour to headquarters. I would like to express through *Point Three* my many thanks to all concerned who made it such a pleasant and worthwhile effort. We met both old and new friends—some people who had only been names to me for a good many years. One remark that rather struck me was 'We don't have enough visitors to headquarters'.

Shelagh Bramley *Leicester*

Square one

Toc H is not a 'mass movement', but a personal 'infection' spread by one man to another.

Toc H Journal, November 1926.

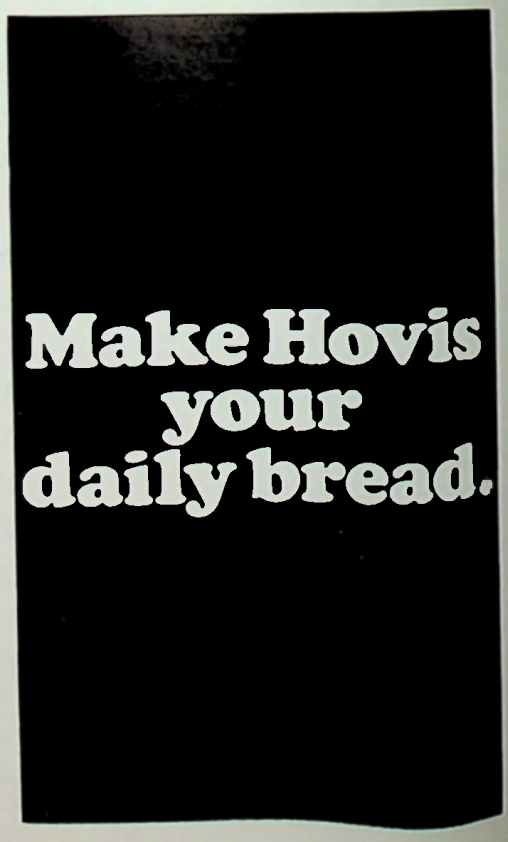
Welcome Point

The following new branch was formally recognised by the Central Executives at their December meeting: Charmouth (j).

The following branches elected new members during December:

11–Washington (j).
3–Edgmond (j), Jedburgh (m), Rhyl (w).
2–Bingham (m), Chingford (j), Gloucester (j), Parkstone (w).
1–Bideford (w), Croydon (j), Exmouth (w), Kirkby-in-Ashfield (m), Leeds (w), Leighton Buzzard (m), Margate (w), Mildenhall (m), Paddock (w), Putney (m), Rishton (m), Stanley (w), Sutton-in-Ashfield (w), Wanstead & Woodford (m), Westminster (j), Weston Rhyn (m), North Wales Area.

We extend a warm welcome to the 45 new members.



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WARDEN MANOR OPEN 1971, July 3 to September 11. Host/Leader John Cole. This year spend a holiday at Warden in happy Toc H fellowship amidst lovely countryside, overlooking the sea. Entertainments and games (putting, table tennis, etc) free. Bathing at Warden Bay nearby. Garage available. Bus service direct from Sheerness station to Manor door. No increase in price; cost £8.75 to £9.75 per week, inclusive (four meals daily). Book now. Write: Warden Manor, Eastchurch, nr Sheerness, Kent. Tel: Eastchurch 238.

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PERRANPORTH, CORNWALL. Toc H chalet available for holidays. Miss Chalmers, Cleveland, Duporth Bay, St Austell. Full except Apl/Sept./Oct.

HOTEL LYBEER has been a centre for Toc H members since 1945. Charles, a Toc H Builder and well known to many members, welcomes parties and individuals. Charles Vanhove, Hotel Lybeer, Korte Vulderstraat 31, Bruges, Belgium.

TOC H SUMMER SCHOOL AT BANGOR. The theme of this year's summer school will be 'Conflict in Society'. As usual the School will be held at Church Hostel, Bangor, and will be open to men only. Dates: July 19–24. Cost: £10.50. Details from Cyril Carrier, 367 Hungerford Road, Crewe, Cheshire.

It is hoped to arranged a **HOLIDAY PARTY** to Bruges, Poperinge and Paris from May 29 to June 11 or 12, 1971. Apply to Ruby Relf, 22 Mountfield Gardens, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Introducing . . .

'Spike' Hill

26 year old Michael F ('Spike') Hill has taken over the design of *Point Three*. He has already done a fair amount of work for Toc H, including the design of last June's Festival brochure and of the new leaflet, 'Somebody Ought to do Something About It'. Born in Oxfordshire, 'Spike' was educated at Wembley County School and Hornsey College of Art—'in pre-sit-in days' He was designer of the Heinz '57 News' which won a 'House Journal of the Year' Award from the British Association of Industrial Editors. Some of his work has been exhibited in the Design Centre.

A very warm welcome to this new member of the editorial team.

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